

locally out of raw materials available in the State. As a result of these enquiries and on the recommendation of the Committee, Industrial Laboratory has been entrusted with the manufacture and supply of certain drugs and medicines required for the use of medical institutions in the State.

5. The arrangement with the Madras Port Trust referred to in the last year's review regarding the adoption of a flat rate of harbour dues was brought into force with effect from the 3rd of November 1931. This has necessitated the conclusion of a fresh agreement with Messrs. Best & Co., Clearing Agents, under which they have to land all foreign consignments of the Committee at certain scheduled rates agreed to by them. It is stated that this arrangement has resulted in a saving of Rs. 2,500 per annum to Government.

6. The total value of Stores purchased both in India and abroad amounting to Rs. 21,74,317 against Rs. 44,14,520 in 1930-31. Of this, the sum of Rs. 10,53,865 represents the value of articles made in India. The marked fall in the value of purchases made by the Committee was mainly due to the reduction of grants to some of the purchasing Departments.

7. It is reported that temporary difficulties were experienced in securing firm prices in the case of stores purchased from America and Germany owing to England going off the Gold Standard and the frequent enhancement of customs and excise duties by the Government of India.

8. The incidence of cost of the Stores Purchase Committee and allied organisations for the purchase of stores was 1.65 per cent during the year under report as against 0.83 per cent during last year.

9. The work of the Committee continued to be satisfactory.

N. MADHAVA RAO,  
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

#### DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

##### Working of the Registration Department for the year 1931-32.

READ—

Letter No. Per. 28—31-32, dated 3rd October 1932, from the Inspector-General of Registration in Mysore, forwarding a report on the working of the Registration Department in Mysore, during 1931-32 together with the prescribed statistical statements.

ORDER No. FL. 2403-13—REGIS. 7-32-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE  
31ST OCTOBER—4TH NOVEMBER 1932

Recorded.

2. The total number of documents registered during the year was 1,23,260 as against 1,27,281 in the year previous and the aggregate value of such documents also fell from 415.67 lakhs in 1930-31 to 398.42 lakhs in the year under review, the fall being mainly attributable to the continuance during the year of the economic depression which prevailed in 1930-31. The total revenue of the Department declined from Rs. 2,95,196 in 1930-31 to Rs. 2,92,249 in the year under review. The total expenditure was reduced to Rs. 1,77,453 from Rs. 1,85,992 in 1930-31 as the result of general retrenchment and salary cut.

3. In addition to the usual inspections, surprise visits were paid to 14 Sub Registry Offices by the Officers of the Department and no serious irregularities were observed in the course of inspections.

D. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,  
*Secretary to Government,  
Development Department.*

**Working of the Stamp Department for the year 1931-32.**

READ—

Letter No. Per. 24—31-32, dated 30th September—3rd October 1932, from the Commissioner of Stamps, forwarding the report on the working of the Stamp Department for the year 1931-32.

ORDER NO. FL. 2413-23—ST. 6-32-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE  
31ST OCTOBER—4TH NOVEMBER 1932.

Recorded.

2. There was a rise in the revenue realised by the Department during the year from Rs. 20,40,312 in 1930-31 to Rs. 2,93,782 while the expenditure incurred was reduced to Rs. 1,95,462 from Rs. 2,03,515 in the preceding year.

3. The exemption from payment of stamp duty granted in respect of transactions of Co-operative Societies was partially withdrawn in the year under report.

4. The total demand during the year under Institution Fees awarded in pauper suits, amounted to Rs. 1,02,677-5-0 and the balance outstanding at the end of the year is reported to be Rs. 86,872 5-4. The Commissioner of Stamps is requested to take prompt action to realise all recoverable dues.

5. Government are glad to note that the working of the Department during the year was satisfactory.

D. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,  
*Secretary to Government,  
Development Department.*

**FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.****Extra Premium.**

READ—

Letter No. 3156, dated 12th August 1932, from the Secretary to the State Life Insurance Committee, forwarding copy of Resolution No. IX passed by the Committee at their meeting held on 30th July 1932, in the matter of making provision for charging an extra premium in cases where the insured engages himself in hazardous occupations after taking a policy at civil rates, and requesting sanction of Government to the insertion of the marginally noted para as Para 2 under Note 2 of Rule 7.

"If an insured after taking a policy under civil rates engages himself in any hazardous occupation open to extra risks, he shall be charged an extra premium to cover the extra risk."

ORDER NO. FL. 2299-301—G. F. 79-32-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE  
1ST NOVEMBER 1932.

Sanctioned. e

S. SHAMANNA,  
*Secretary to Government,  
Financial Department.*